



MBA Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic half term.

In the Discover Pathway we are continuing to use the theme “Rainbows” to support our learners to make fantastic connections to the world around them, using a variety of methods and resources. This cycle has provided our learners with plentiful opportunities to be immersed in all things rainbows and colours, exploring and developing their knowledge regarding all aspects of the theme through activities linked to science, art and food technology.

This half term, “The Rainbow Fish” by Marcus Pfister is the class story that learners are exploring. Learners are challenged to follow and immerse themselves in The Rainbow Fish’s journey, highlighting the key traits of sharing and kindness.

In Maths, the key numerical concept that will be explored under the Number strand is “Sharing.” Learners are developing their knowledge of the concept of sharing, helping students build a foundational knowledge of division, grouping, whilst learning problem solving skills for everyday life. Learners will also be encountering “shape” this half term, which is a fundamental vehicle for developing spatial awareness and orientation, enhancing functional communication and choice making, refining gross and fine motor skills as well developing early Maths foundation skills.

It has been great to see the progress that is being made for all learners across the pathway so far and we are excited about what is to come.

Well done to all!!

Billy Hawes
Deputy Headteacher

Wrens - Discover



Teacher's Note

It was wonderful to hear about some of the exciting things the children got up to during the holiday. Thank you for sharing these with us. The children have returned to school settled, happy, and ready to learn. It has been lovely to see them engaging so positively in their learning activities.

Classroom Highlights

Well done to all our students for their continued participation, effort, and achievements. Keep up the excellent work!

What We're Learning

Over the coming weeks, our literacy learning will focus on the story *The Rainbow Fish*. Through a range of fun, engaging, and multi-sensory activities, the children will explore key themes and events from the story. We will be placing a particular emphasis on the importance of sharing and kindness. The children have already completed some fantastic work, and we have created a class display board to celebrate and showcase their achievements.

In maths, we are learning about shapes. It has been wonderful to see the children recognising and exploring different shapes through matching activities and by identifying shapes in everyday objects around them.

We will also be developing our understanding of sharing and grouping through a variety of practical, hands-on learning experiences.

Reminders

Please send your child to school with a sun hat and a named bottle of sun cream. If possible, we would be grateful if sun cream could be applied before your child arrives at school each morning.

Please send in any personal care items your child may need, including wipes, nappies, and nappy bags.



**Thanks for
your
continued
support -
Alison**



Swifts - Discover



Teacher's Note

Welcome back! It has been great to welcome back our learners and to celebrate some of the 99 Things that were achieved over the break. As we enter the last half term of the academic year we look forward to finishing off our Rainbows topic alongside lots of exciting end of year activities.

Classroom Highlights

It has been great to see Swifts class come back to school with big smiles and enthusiasm for our learning. Well done Swifts.

What We're Learning

This half term our sensory story will be 'The Rainbow Fish' where we are looking forward to exploring lots of water play activities. As we go through our story we are focusing on developing joint attention skills alongside interacting with resources linked to key ideas.

In our maths sessions we will be exploring shape. We have started off this week exploring squares through messy play, creative arts, construction and making use of the interventions spaces to extend learning and connections.

As part of our Rainbows topic we continue to have lots of creative experiences, cause and effect experiments and 'colourful cooking' opportunities throughout the week which we look forward to sharing with you as the term progresses.

Reminders

Swimming days will continue to be on Wednesday/Thursday so please remember to send in kits. Please continue to check EFL to see what we have been up to.

**Thanks for
your continued
support -
Rachel**





Parent Information

Dates for your diary

MBA Summer Fayre:
Saturday 27th June, 10.30
- 12pm

**Discover Pathway Sports
& Activities Day:**
Wednesday 1st July

**Explore & Adventure
Sports Day:** Friday 26th
June

**Training Day - School
closed:** Friday 3rd July

Reminders

If your child is unwell,
please contact the school
office by 8.30am by:

Phone: 01223 340800
pressing option 1 and
leaving a voicemail

Email:
[office@martinbacon.acade
my](mailto:office@martinbacon.academy).

We will update teachers
and the kitchen. If we do
not hear from you, your
child's absence will be
unauthorised.

FOMBA

Friends of Martin Bacon Academy Community WhatsApp Group

Scan this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to
join this community



[https://chat.whatsapp.com/
FqcQsvfiwcO0geDZ8bAARJ?mode=wwt](https://chat.whatsapp.com/FqcQsvfiwcO0geDZ8bAARJ?mode=wwt)

Upcoming Events

School Prom: Thursday
11th June, years 10,
11 and 6th Form

MBA Activities Week:
29th June - 2nd July

The Link Activities Week:
13th - 17th July

Makaton of the week

Please check out our
Makaton page on our
website
[https://www.martinbacon.
academy/category/makaton
-of-the-week/](https://www.martinbacon.academy/category/makaton-of-the-week/)



FOMBA



Raffle Donations

We are keen to receive any donations which can be used as raffle prizes for our summer fayre. Please can you contact the school office if you have any gifts, vouchers or services you would be happy to donate.

Pre-loved Uniform

If you have any pre-loved school uniform that your children may have outgrown, please drop off at the school office.

Parent Survey

Please find below a QR code which takes you to our parent survey which we would be very grateful if you could complete for us:

[FoMBA – Fill in form](#)



Parent information

Buffet Picnic Lunch. Thursday 18th of June 2026

Sandwiches, sausage rolls, mini quiche, wraps, salad, pasta, spicy Mexican rolls, wedges.
Desserts.
Mini cakes, strawberries with ice-cream, fruit wedges.



Save The Date

Sports Day for Explore and Adventure Pathways will take place on Friday 26th June.

If you would like to attend the morning activities, please see the timings for your child's class below:

Buzzards & Penguins - 9:30-10:30am

Magpies, Puffins, Blackbirds - 10:50-11:50am

Jackdaws, Flamingos, Swans, 6th Form - 11:10-12:10pm

Sports and Activities morning for Discover Pathway will be on Wednesday 1st July - more details to follow.

Parent Information

Please see below the new lunch menu for the Summer Term

SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026						
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Smokey Bean Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	NEW Banana Mousse	Orange Drizzle Cake	Fruit Platter	Apple Flapjack	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins
WEEK TWO	Option One	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad	Beef Chili with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa	Roasted Pork or Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Spaghetti & Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Peaches & Ice Cream	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie
WEEK THREE	Option One	Tomato Pasta	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Roast of the Day, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Chef Shipa's Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	NEW Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes & Rainbow Slaw	Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Cheese & Crackers	Fruit Medley	Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread
AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt						

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

Lunch options are put through daily by the teachers. If you have preferences on what your child should eat for lunch, please send it in an email to the office and we will pass on to the kitchen for you.

If your child has any food intolerances or allergies, please email office@martinbacon.academy to request the relevant allergen form.



Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Training Day – 1st September 2025

Training Day – 2nd September 2025

First day of term: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Training day (Disaggregated) 24th October 2025

Half term: Monday 27th October – 31st October 2025

Training Day – 3rd November 2025

Last day of term: Friday 19th December 2025 (close at 1pm)

Spring Term 2026

Training day – 5th of January 2026

First day of term: Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half term: Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026

Last day of term: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Training day – 3rd July 2026

First day of term: Monday 13th April 2026

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

Half term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026

Last day of term: Friday 17th July 2026

Disaggregated Training day – 20th of July 2026